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Mr. Steve Heminger
Executive Director
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 8th Street
Oakland, Ca 94607-4700

Dear Mr. Heminger,

San Joaquin Council of Governments is pleased to write a letter of support for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as the applicant, and Delta Protection Commission (DPC) as the sub-recipient, for a FY 2008-2009 Partnership Planning Grant application to the California Department of Transportation, for The Great California Delta Trail Collaborative Planning Process.

San Joaquin Council of Governments will actively participant in the collaborative planning process for the Delta Trail which is described in the application. We support the inclusive approach to the planning process and will be pleased to be a part of an effort that spans the five delta counties (Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento and San Joaquin), eleven cities , legacy towns in the Delta, and three Caltrans Districts (Districts 3,4 and 10).

The State Legislature and the Governor deemed The Great California Delta Trail of statewide recreational and transportation significance when it passed legislation (SB 1556, Torlakson) and the Governor signed it into law January 1, 2007, directing the Delta Protection Commission to complete a feasibility study and to develop a plan for the establishment of a trail network through the 5 delta counties.

San Joaquin Council of Governments gives its full support to this grant application and looks forward to becoming involved in the Great California Delta Trail planning process which will be enabled through this grant.

Sincerely,

ANDREW T. CHESLEY
Executive Director